



OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 7, 2008

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on April 7, 2008 at 4:46 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker
Kyle Jones
Tom Rawles
Scott Somers
Darrell Truitt
Claudia Walters
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Linda Crocker

(Items on the agenda were discussed out of order, but for purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

1. Review items on the agenda for the April 7, 2008 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflicts of interest declared: 4j, k, l and n (Hawker); 6h (Jones); 6l (Jones-Whalen)

Items removed from the consent agenda: None

Items added to the consent agenda: None

2. Hear a presentation and discuss Maricopa County's Clean Air Program.

Maricopa County Supervisor Don Stapley introduced Holly Ward, Community and Media Relations Director for Maricopa County's Department of Air Quality. Supervisor Stapley thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the County's Clean Air Program, and he noted that the County is making a concerted effort to educate the public regarding the problem of air quality. Supervisor Stapley added that the Federal government has determined that Maricopa County is out of compliance with regard to PM-10 (particulate matter of less than 10 microns) regulations.

Ms. Ward continued the presentation by advising that no one single source is responsible for the air quality problems. She stated that particulate pollution causes asthma, and she noted that a very important fact is that Federal highway funds could be withheld if the County fails to comply with the clean air regulations. Ms. Ward reviewed the components of the public

education program, which include print, radio and television ads that refer citizens to the website: Runningoutofair.com.

Ms. Ward stated that Maricopa County would like to collaborate with the City in an effort to improve air quality in the Valley. She said the County would identify Mesa as a "Running Out of Air" partner on the campaign website and provide presentation materials, training, newsletter articles, etc. to assist the City in an outreach program. Ms. Ward advised that the County is requesting that the City of Mesa make a "clean air commitment" and include a link to Runningoutofair.com on the City's website.

Mayor Hawker expressed appreciation for the County's efforts, particularly for increasing the number of inspectors, paving roads and shoulders, and utilizing PM-10 street sweepers.

In response to a question from Councilmember Rawles, Ms. Ward advised that she would investigate and provide him with information regarding a possible regulation that requires unloaded as well as loaded trucks to be covered with a tarp.

Supervisor Stapley stated the opinion that elected officials should set an example for members of the community, and he noted that the success of the Clean Air Program depends on making behavioral changes. He added that many of the County's efforts are similar to successful programs that were implemented in Clark County, Nevada and various areas of California.

Mayor Hawker thanked Supervisor Stapley and Ms. Ward for the presentation.

3. Hear an update, discuss and provide direction on the status of the Pioneer Park Locomotive Citizens Fundraising Committee.

Assistant Parks, Recreation & Commercial Facilities Director Michael Holste clarified comments that he made at a previous meeting by advising that all funds raised by the Citizens Committee would be directed to either the restoration of the train or other activities related to the train, such as a commemorative plaque in the event the train is sold or donated to another entity. He said that the Committee was requesting additional time to raise funds, and he advised that members of the Committee were present to answer any questions.

Mayor Hawker offered representatives of the Committee an opportunity to present new information to the Council, but no one came forward.

Councilmember Rawles suggested that the Council grant the Pioneer Park Locomotive Citizens Fundraising Committee an extension until the Study Session on June 2, 2008, and he noted that he did not want to "pass the buck" to the new Council. He also stated that he would like to see the Committee generate broad community support for the project, rather than simply targeting corporate donors.

Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate date for the Council to consider this item; that there was Council concurrence to address this issue at the May 29, 2008 Study Session; and that the fundraising target should be increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

It was moved by Councilmember Rawles, seconded by Vice Mayor Walters, that the Council reconsider the issue of the Pioneer Park Locomotive at the May 29, 2008 Study Session and

that the goal of the Pioneer Park Locomotive Citizens Fundraising Committee is to raise \$15,000 by that date as evidence of community support for the project.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Jones-Rawles-Somers-Truitt-Walters-Whalen
NAYS – Hawker

Mayor Hawker declared the motion carried by majority vote.

4. Hear reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

Councilmember Jones: DMB & Associates employee service project.
Fiesta Care Partnership event.

Vice Mayor Walters: Chamber of Commerce Award Luncheon.
Mesa Public Library Volunteer Luncheon.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Christopher Brady stated the meeting schedule is as follows:

Saturday, April 12, 2008 10:00 a.m. – City Hall at the Mall – Fiesta Mall

Thursday, April 10, 2008, 7:45 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, April 17, 2008, 7:45 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, April 17, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

6. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

KENO HAWKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 7th day of April 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

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